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## Celebrate Earth Day All Month!

Thirty-nine years ago a grassroots movement to call attention to concerns about the environment led to the celebration of the first Earth Day. This year that anniversary will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 22, and plans are underway for Socorro Citizens to clean up their acts during the entire month of April.

“We’re asking the whole town to come out, work together as a community, and get stuff done,” said Deborah Dean, coordinator of Keep Socorro Beautiful. Groups and individuals can sign up to clean up a specific area of town during the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 26, by calling 835-8927 or signing up at the booth on the plaza on Earth Day. If you clean up your own house and yard, and have large items, such as furniture or old appliances to dispose of, the City will haul it away for free the last week of the month. You must call 835-0240 to schedule a pick up and the items must be placed at the curb.

Earth Day will be celebrated on the Plaza the afternoon of April 22. The fun starts at 3:00 and runs till 7:00 pm. Activities will include:

- ★ Arts and crafts for kids using recycled materials
- ★ The Trash Fashion Show at 5:30. To enter a costume in the show, you must fill out an application (pick one up at the Socorro Heritage and Visitor Center or online at [www.socorronm.gov](http://www.socorronm.gov) click on April 22 under Area Events) and construct an outfit from at least 50% recycled materials—things that would otherwise be put in the landfill or the recycle bin. No

vintage clothing or costumes made from garbage bags unless they are sewn into garments. Be creative! Use those old CDs for a little sparkle, or woven strips of newspaper for a handbag. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

- ★ Vendors of environmentally friendly products, artists using recycled materials and information booths about composting (with and without worms!)
- ★ Burgers by the Midway Basketball Girls
- ★ Tunes by favorite local band Roon
- ★ Drawings for prizes for those who pledge to eliminate plastic by using refillable water bottles and taking cloth bags when they grocery shop, and to reduce their carbon footprint by riding a bicycle to work one day a week. Prizes include energy efficient light bulbs and Britta water filters.
- ★ Drought-tolerant plants for sale by Socorro County Arts
- ★ Puppets! The Sarracino Youth Theater program will parade their puppets through the plaza and put on a show at the gazebo.
- ★ E-waste recycling! Bring old computers, monitors, printers, etc.

### Employee Anniversaries

<b>Grace Castillo</b>	<b>20 years</b>
<b>George Serna</b>	<b>15 years</b>
<b>Micahel Alderete</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Dennis Sedillo</b>	<b>5 years</b>

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**Recycle, Socorro! Put this on your refrigerator as a reminder to  
celebrate Earth Day every day!**

The **First Saturday** of each month, the Socorro High School Football team collects newspaper and the Socorro High School Honor Society takes aluminum cans at the vacant lot south of Ace Hardware on California Street.

The **Third Saturday** of each month mixed paper and paperboard can be dropped off at the Plaza.

E-waste (computers and electronics) can be dropped off at Computers by LTJ at 105 Plaza.

**Recycle Dates (Saturdays 8:30 to 11:30)**

Aluminum Cans, & Newspaper	Mixed paper, paperboard
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April 4	April 18
May 2	May 16
June 6	June 20
July 4	July 18
August 1	August 15
September 5	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	November 21
December 5	December 19

The Socorro Chamber of Commerce also has distributed cardboard recycle bins throughout the city for aluminum cans (no plastic, please!).

If you are interested in monthly pick-up of recyclables (for a fee), including cardboard, paperboard, newspaper, computer paper, junk mail, magazines, glass bottles, plastic bottles, plastic grocery bags, tin, aluminum \*, copper\*, and steel\* (\*limited to 25 pounds), contact Morning Woodcutters at 838-2202 or see their website at morningwoodcutters.com.

**For other recycling questions, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 835-0424.**

- ★ **plastic bags:** containers at Smith's, Walmart; Smith's will refund a nickel for each cloth bag you bring for your groceries
- ★ **corrugated cardboard:** drop off site south of Socorro next to Animal Shelter and UPS; break down boxes
- ★ **motor oil:** drop off site south of Socorro next to Animal Shelter
- ★ **Vehicle batteries:** NAPA
- ★ **tires:** landfill (\$1/tire charge)
- ★ **toner cartridges:** Cottonwood Charter School
- ★ **cell phones, laser jetprinter, fax, toner cartridges, rechargeable batteries.** Rotary Club drop boxes at Manzanares Coffee Shop, Public Library, Smith's photo dept., NRAO, Sevilleta, Bosque del Apache, Corner Copy or call 505-350-4543 or 575-838-9715

Several private companies in the area take such items as brass, copper, radiators, stainless steel, scrap aluminum, transmissions, batteries, insulated wire and car bodies and parts. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information.



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